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An Interview with Michael Corbin
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- Program time: Sunday night
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- Call in number: 1-800-836-2009
- Hobbies: Reading, Outdoors stuff, Fishing
- *"I'm no intellectual, but I love to be challenged to learn. I like discussions in a coffee shop type setting."*

By Ron Parrish

When most people cross an enigma, they spend a couple of minutes studying it, then go about their business and forget it. Almost eight years ago, Denver native Michael Corbin observed a UFO. He did not forget it. He has been pursuing them ever since. His hour long, weekly program, *The ParaNet UFO Continuum*, strives to gain information about all aspects surrounding this unexplained phenomena. Therefore, whether you believe in UFO's or not, Corbin's radio program will entertain all angles of a mystery that keeps growing and you can decide what is real and what should be made into a bad B movie.

What spurred your interest in UFO's?

Until 1987, I was a real estate broker and had no interest in UFO's. Then I saw something that was very bizarre and unexplainable in conventional terms.

You personally witnessed a UFO?

Yes. I had a personal sighting. It was unusual and very close.

How many yards away was it?

Because it was dark and I had no reference point, it's hard to say. I'd guess it was within stone throwing distance.

Was that in a remote part of Denver?

No, it was in Aurora, approximately Illif and Chambers. I was laying in my yard relaxing, about midnight, and this thing came over the house. It did not look like any conventional aircraft. It was all black and moving very slowly. It was surreal, it was moving so slowly. I thought, 'This can't be possible!', but it was directly overhead. The reality of it struck me. I got up and thought, 'What the hell is this?' It was Delta shaped like a chevron, very small winged and curled down. It didn't make any noise. That's why I questioned it, the fact of the speed and no noise. When it got directly overhead it was just enormous and I realized it was really there. It scared the hell out of me. Ever since then I've been interested in the subject.

How did that sighting lead to your involvement in UFO's?

After my sighting I accessed a guy on CompuServe named Jim Speiser. He had a small network of computers around the country called ParaNet. I reported my sighting and asked him if he had more information. We both had a healthy bit of skepticism and hit it off pretty good. In 1989, Jim basically turned the ParaNet over to me and I've turned it into this international network. It has become a global resource for UFO and paranormal information.

What does The ParaNet consist of?

The ParaNet is made up of many people besides myself. We have different departments with experts in each one. For instance, we have a para-psychologist that holds conferences in the parapsychology section on our ParaNet Bulletin Board Service. Also, it has been demonstrated that there are crossovers within the UFO phenomenon. Close encounters and mental telepathy are a couple of overlaps and we have experts in each field.

How did you get started in talk radio?

After trying to get on a couple of little satellites, which was unsuccessful, an ABC satellite became available to us and we started getting radio stations around the country to carry us. We are now syndicated to 16 cities. Talk radio is such a good venue to learn and discuss subjects.

What will a person learn by listening the "The ParaNet UFO Continuum" radio program?

Things are not always black and white. My program gives people an opportunity to present the gray matter; listeners can decide what they believe. I don't take a position on my show that 'yes there are aliens,' or 'no there are not aliens.' It is important to gather as many perspectives as possible. What we want to do with our program is educate people on the situation and subject matter.

From what part of the world do you get the most sightings?

There have been a lot of phone calls from the United States, particularly Michigan and the St. Petersburg, Florida area. Sometimes you get what we call flaps, where you'll have many sightings over a period of time with multiple witnesses. Statistically the United States has more reports of sightings; I think it's because of our advanced communications. In the early 90's there was a flap in Belgium where there were thousands of witnesses observing triangular shaped UFO's. We've had years like 1975, when there was a large number of sightings concentrated around U.S. military bases. That gives us an indication of what they're interested in at a particular time; at that time it was military bases.

Shouldn't they be able to run their scanners over us and learn what they need to know?

Here's a good answer to that question. There is the famous Betty and Barney Hill abduction case of 1961. They were captured, taken aboard a spacecraft, and the entities appeared to have a vast knowledge of the human anatomy. They performed their tests, but just before releasing the Hills, one of the aliens came running up to Betty, put his hand in her mouth and started pulling on her teeth. They seemed to be enthralled because her teeth

were not coming out of her mouth. She asked the leader what they were doing and he told her they were curious why her teeth stayed in her head and why Barney's teeth came out. They were baffled about dentures. Then they asked Betty what we eat. They knew we took in nutrition, but didn't know what we ate. It is those kind of clues that indicate there is something else going on. What appears to be true may only be a magic show, even where their technology is concerned.

Current speculators claim there are as many as seven different alien types visiting us. What do you think of that?

The interesting thing is that there have been entity reports since the 40's and before, with a variety of descriptions. The Russians see robot like creatures, whereas the United States sees gray aliens. Great Britain has a different variety. When you look at the worldwide data, there are a lot of inconsistencies between descriptions of entities. The most popular I hear about are the grays, second are the Nordics, which are tall. There are all kinds. There is a famous abduction case, from Snowflake, Arizona, that the movie, "Fire in the Sky" was based on. He reported seeing grays and tall, very well developed human-looking men and women. In the jungle, Brazilians have reported little, three and a half foot tall, hairy creatures with glowing eyes, fangs, and sharp claws.

It seems most descriptions or pictures of aliens portray them as males or unisexual type looking creatures. Why is that?

Most abduction reports tell of primarily male aliens. People can't tell what sex they are, but their instincts usually indicate feeling more of a male presence. There have been some males who have been abducted, who feel their abductors have been females. There's a notorious abduction case of a South American farmer who reported having had sex with a female alien. Many appear to be unisex, but the impression of abducted people is that most aliens are male.

Is that because, like in our culture, most explorers are male?

I'm a stickler for insisting we do a lot more work before we make pronouncements of what they are. Personally my hypothesis is that they are not explorers. I think there is a level of deception on their part, whoever they are. I think that whatever this intelligence is, it has been around a long time. They are deceptive in a lot of ways and operate in the background a lot. One of the prominent features of an abduction is the entities' clinical attitude - very impersonal. I don't know if you can even say that the procedures that are described by abductees under hypnosis are accurate. Despite all the stories and reports, we have yet to capture an abduction on film or

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substantiate it as a physical experience, so we have a lot of questions.

What about government conspiracies? Does the government know the truth?

I think the government has in-depth knowledge; they may even have materials and possibly a body or two, but they don't know a lot more than we do. I liken it to the idea that if we could travel back a hundred years with a computer and drop it in the middle of Liberal, Kansas, it would end up in the hands of a perplexed doctor. There is no electricity; they don't know what it is. Something like that is going on here. We are puzzled, like that doctor of the 1800's, looking at a piece of technology we don't understand. It's logical to think the government is concerned, but they don't go public and say, 'Yes we acknowledge flying saucers, they fly over our military bases, they might even be abducting our people,' because they can't answer the question everybody would ask, 'Are we safe?'

What do you think of the fact that some people think there are aliens of some kind that live among us or visit us?

There is no proof, but it is a possibility.

So many UFO reports indicate how elusive aliens and their space crafts are. What about the possibility of these aliens slipping in and out of different dimensions?

With quantum physics demonstrating that time travel is hypothetically possible; that's a theory that could have some weight.

What about these crop circle formations? Where are they happening and why?

They pop up here and there. They happen in places like Australia, the U.S., Canada, and Great Britain. Personally I don't think there is anything to them. I think it's a hoax; someone having a lot of fun.

Any theories?

Sure, one of the things done in lab work concerning basic crop circle formation involves not breaking the crop stalks and this has been demonstrated using microwave technology. However, the technology involved is not done by the typical "Radio Shack scientist." Recently one of the TV tabloids showed a self-propelled cylinder floating around this crop field with a helicopter hovering over it. Remote piloted vehicles are commonplace in technology magazines. Watching these vehicles flying around corn fields does not impress me. Another possibility is the government experimenting with new technology.

What ever happened to that guy who wrote Communion, that claims he had contact with aliens?

Whitley Strieber; he dropped out of the UFO scene.

It's common knowledge he has been an occultist for many years. He dabbled with witchcraft when he was in high school and has always had a fascination with the occult and dark things, evidenced by the horror books he has written, such as Wolfen. Whitely has lost credibility because of past transgressions. The person who gained fame and credibility because of Strieber and his book Communion was Budd Hopkins. Budd is an artist in New York, and is considered an expert on abductions. He has written Intruders and Missing Time, and is working on a third book. There was a CBS mini series a few years ago based on his research. David Jacobs, a history professor and a colleague of Budd's, has been on our show. He has written two books. His first one was called the UFO Controversy in America, an excellent reference book which I use all the time. It was the first UFO book printed by a scholastic press. Recently, Jacobs published another book that was a best seller called, Secret Life. It detailed his research into the life of 65 abduction cases. Because of David's background, he brought a little more respectability to UFO cases. He presented it in a more coherent fashion. He categorized his data in a more organized and sophisticated manner, something readers could bite into and understand better.

So, Whitely Strieber is known as an oddball. What about all these other people who claim to have been abducted? Have they been abducted throughout their life like Strieber claimed?

As part of my research, I have interviewed people who claim to have been abducted and they are all normal people. I have yet to meet one person that seemed to be any kind of a kook. UFO research is critical. Number one, it presents a scientific problem and number two, and more importantly, it presents a sociological problem because of the problems these people have after they're kidnapped. Whitely may have lost credibility, but his book Transformation accurately describes the tribulations humans go through after their abduction experiences. For people who go through these experiences it is a serious matter, even though it has a built-in laugh factor because of the media conditioning at the behest of the government. That is provable as a policy. It was claimed in the *Robertson Report* in 1952 that there was a policy enacted to utilize the media to strip it of its mystery, to make it a laughing matter, but it's serious. A lot of people are kidnapped, and one of my objectives is to focus on it as a serious matter. When there is a mystery in society, fear can be manipulated. People make stupid decisions based upon fear rather than fact. There aren't enough facts, and the purpose of the ParaNet is to educate listeners and expose the truth.